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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C 20505

Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

6 November 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Computer Programming Support

1. At the request of the DCI, the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC) has developed a cross-program method for evaluating alternative collection strategies and assessing Community progress toward meeting intelligence collection needs. The subject is currently of high priority to the DCI and I anticipate that the CIPC's Collection Strategy Evaluation Method (CSEM) will be presented to him shortly.

2. Software to support this prototype demonstration has been developed with the assistance of a career trainee provided by CIA/OTE. The model runs on the VM time-sharing system. Sample data, including direct extracts from the Future Intelligence Requirements Forecast (FIRF), have been successfully processed via the demonstration software.

3. However, our interim arrangement with OTE has expired and it has become essential that we acquire on a full-time basis a programmer to support final development of the CSEM model. As you know, programmers are at a premium and are not easy to come by. To date, we have been unable to acquire the services of a programmer, and we are rapidly running out of time.

STAT 4. I have been advised by [redacted] that programmer support might be available under OIT's SDE II contract. We presently project that we will need the assistance of a programmer for approximately one year or until CSEM reaches IOC. The type of individual that is required must be capable of writing applications software from original mathematical equations, and be able to work closely and continuously with the CIPC staff in testing, debugging and refining the programming results.

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STAT 6. Your assistance on this matter is urgently needed. If you need additional information on this matter, please contact me on [redacted]

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Executive Secretary

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